

First English Lutheran Church † Appleton, Wisconsin

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Announcements for Oct. 15, 2006

We are People of God who Gather to Worship, Grow in Faith, and Give to Others.

Gather

WELCOME. This community of faith extends the welcome of Christ to all who have come here today. **Information and Comment Cards** are available for visitors and members. Please indicate any needs or interests and place the card in the offering basket. First English worships at multiple locations. At the Downtown Site, yellow cards are available in the pews. At the North Site, green cards are on the Welcome Table. **Staffed Nursery Care** for children ages 3 and under is provided during all worship services. Please find out more about First English at the **Welcome Table** in the Gathering Area.

PLEASE INCLUDE THESE FIRST ENGLISH MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN PRAYER:

- † Allan (Su Marotz' father) † Kaylyn Haberland
- † Harvey Buchanan † Kenny Reinholz, Jr.
- † John Hallman (Virginia Johnson's husband)
- † Floyd Turcott (Mary Lund's father)
- † The family of Terry Jury † Donna Barnum
- † Anne Wickland (Jessica Wickland's mother)
- † Kelly Perpich (daughter of Nancy Kinnard)

THE DOWNTOWN SITE ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Tom, Penny and Dennis Hoelzel in memory of their mother, Eleanora, who passed away Oct. 17, 2005. Eleanora's last Sunday in church was a year ago today.

THE TV MINISTRY TODAY is sponsored by Bob and Nita Gauerke in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

ESTHER FALL GATHERING TODAY

ESTHER (Empowerment, Solidarity, Truth, Hope, Equality, Reform) is holding a fall gathering fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. today at Michiels Fox Banquets in Appleton at 111 E. Kimball St. The program includes a silent auction; a presentation by Nancy Hykes, Executive Director of the Fox Cities Rotary Multicultural Center; hors d'oeuvre buffet dinner; and awards. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the door.

A FAMILY OUTING TO HERITAGE ORCHARD in Chilton is at 2 p.m. today. Meet Carey McElrath at "Hawthorne Hollow" and venture out from there. You'll get back to "Hawthorne Hollow" around 3:30 p.m. for snacks. Please bring a favorite snack to pass. Maps are on the bulletin boards in the Gathering Areas at both sites.

20s/30s POTLUCK TODAY

There is a 20s/30s Potluck Luncheon today from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Activity Center at the North Site. Bring a dish to pass; beverages will be provided. There will be volleyball, great conversation and a time to share ideas for continuing fellowship events and Bible study. Childcare will be provided.

YOUTH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Children are invited to volunteer to read the opening dialogue at the 8 a.m. worship service at the Downtown Site. Sign-up forms with dates are on the youth bulletin board in the Gathering Area at both sites. A copy of the dialogue will be sent to readers before the service so they can practice.

JAZZ VESPERS BEGINS TONIGHT

Jazz Vespers begins at 7 p.m. tonight in the Downtown Site Sanctuary. "Surprised by Grace" will be presenting a program of music and meditation every Sunday evening through Nov. 19.

BREAKFAST DEVOTIONS TIME CHANGE

Senior high youth who join Meghan Cieslik at Galvan's Restaurant on Tuesday mornings should meet at 6:15 a.m., to allow more time to get to school.

ORGAN RECITAL

Crista Miller will perform an organ recital at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Downtown Site. She is the daughter-in-law of Larry and Sue Miller and has performed throughout the United States, as well as in Italy, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden and Canada. A reception will follow this free concert. Child care will be available.

A SENIOR ECUMENICAL POTLUCK will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah. The featured program is "Meeting Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters." Bring a dish to pass. Call St. Mark's at 920-725-2828 for reservations by Oct. 17.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

"Signs of Healing" is the focus of Church Women United World Community Day. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Kaukauna at 309 Desnoyer St. Mary Catterton will deliver the message. Refreshments will be available.

SIGN UP FOR SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING

Today is the last day to sign up for the Senior High Synod Youth Gathering on Nov. 10-12 at the Bridgewood Hotel in Neenah. You must sign up on the Youth Bulletin board to secure a spot. Cost is \$110, but you do not need to pay in full until the day of the event. If cost is an issue, please notify Meghan Cieslik.

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is open to anyone in the community who is experiencing grief resulting from some type of loss, especially the death of a loved one. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the Lounge at the Downtown Site.

HARMONY CAFE DISCUSSION

Senior High youth are invited to a PRO/CONversation at Harmony Cafe, "What Would Jesus Do? Gay Marriage and Civil Unions." Pastor Mcfadden and Pastor Hartenberger will provide their perspectives on what they believe Jesus would preach regarding the proposed marriage amendment that will appear on the Nov. 7 ballot. Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room at the Downtown Site and walk to Harmony Cafe for the presentation at 7 p.m.

Grow

BOOKS MAKE GREAT GIFTS

Today is the last day to order books at the Book Fair in the Gathering Areas. The Library Committee is planning a "First English Read" in which participants will read the same book at the same time: "Seven Angels for Seven Days: A True Story of Mystery, Grief, Healing and God's Amazing Faithfulness," by Angelina Fast-Vlaar, is available at the Book Fair.

THE REDESIGNED FIRST ENGLISH WEB SITE will be up and running on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the same address (www.firstenglishlutheran.org). The new design, which incorporates our new First English logo, reflects our mission statement and focuses on Ministry Teams.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FITNESS CLUB

Attend a free session of the Thrivent Financial Fitness Club from 7 to 8 p.m. this Monday, Oct. 16, in Room 110 at the Downtown Site. The club is a great way to develop good saving and spending habits and control your finances. After the first free session, the fee is \$39 for five sessions. Preregister for your free session by calling 800-596-4225 or go to www.thriventffc.com.

HOW DO I CHECK OUT YOUTH ACTIVITIES?

Unsure where to get the latest information about what's going on in the youth program? The announcements are only one way to get news. Check your newsletter, the youth bulletin boards at both sites and the newest link to FELC's Youth Web page that features pictures from past events, news relating to upcoming activities, devotions from Confirmation Coordinator Andy Moscinski and much more. Go to www.firstenglishlutheran.org, click on "Youth," and activate the "click here" link under "Youth Programs."

Give

YOUR DAY ON THE MISSION FIELD on Oct. 15 is sponsored in memory of Helen Meyer.

LOVE TO SING?

The Parish Choir, which sings every Sunday, would like you to offer your God-given gifts for his glory. Rehearsals are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Nursery care is available. All voice parts are needed and welcome, especially sopranos and basses. Call Director of Music Phil Barnett at the church office or contact him by e-mail at phil_barnett@tds.net.

ADULTS NEEDED TO ASSIST FELC YOUTH

Two adults are needed to help First English youth unload and sort groceries that will be delivered to Russet Court by the Boy Scouts after their food drive on Oct. 21. One adult is needed from 11 to 1 p.m. and another is needed from noon to 2 p.m. Call Julie Doerfler at the church office.

DOWNTOWN SITE WELCOME HOST TRAINING

Are you a Welcome Host at the Downtown Site? Have you just recently signed up on your Time & Talent form to become a Welcome Host in 2007? Do you want to learn more about the Welcome Host role? If so, attend one of the upcoming training sessions for Downtown Welcome Hosts. A pilot program recently was held at the North Site where the Welcome Hosts provided lay member follow-up after a guest or visitor completed a visitor card. The pilot was a success and training now is being offered to Downtown Site Welcome Hosts so they also can provide this service. Attend one of the following sessions in the Library at the Downtown Site: 9 to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22; or 10:30-11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12.

CROP WALK

More than 30 people from First English participated in last week's CROP Walk, walking more than 900 miles to raise awareness and money to combat world hunger, which affects 1.3 billion people. If you would like to help, send your donation to the church office by Nov. 8, or place your donation in a blue pew envelope marked "CROP Walk."

AUCTION BRAINSTORMING MEETING

A meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Oct. 18, in the Library at the Downtown Site to make plans for the 2007 FELC Chili Cook Off Auction. We would like to have input from as many people as possible.

50+ DISCOVERY IN PROGRESS

Members age 50 and older can pick up their 50+ Discovery personal inventory today and throughout October. This research tool will help the church plan future programs. Inventories are available after all services today and in the church office during the week. The cost is \$10 per person. For those who cannot afford the fee, funds are available, so please contact a pastor. The deadline for returning inventories to the church office is Wednesday, Nov. 1.

TIME & TALENT FORMS DUE

Thank you to the many volunteers who have returned their "Faith in Action" Time & Talent forms. If you have not returned your form, please do so by Oct. 29 at the display in the Gathering Area at either sight.

ECHOES GIFT & THRIFT

Have you recently purchased an Entertainment Book from a local fundraiser? Look on page I12 for a coupon for ECHOES. Bring it to the store for 20 percent off the regular price of any purchase (sale items excluded). Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Echoes also is getting ready for Christmas. If you are able to help out during Teacher's Convention (Oct. 25-29), please contact store manager Kathy Hoffman at 920-882-8172 or hoffmankathryn@hotmail.com.

CELEBRATION BRUNCH RESERVATIONS

During each service today, reservation cards will be distributed for the Celebration Brunch that will be held after each worship service on Consecration Sunday, Nov. 5. Our goal is to have all First English members attend a worship service on Consecration Sunday and the Celebration Brunch. The brunch will be a catered meal, so reservations will be needed.

THE WEEK OF OCT. 15 AT A GLANCE	
<i>DS - Downtown Site NS - North Site</i>	
SUNDAY at the Downtown Site	
8, 9:30	
& 10:45 a.m.	Communion Worship – Sanctuary*
8:50 a.m.	Angelus Choir Practice (Grades 3-6) – 212
8:50 a.m.	Cherub Choir Practice (K-Grade 2) – 220
9:30 a.m.	Adult Learning Hour – 221
9:30 a.m.	Children's Learning Hour
2 p.m.	Heritage Orchard Event – Heritage Orchard
7 p.m.	Jazz Vespers – Sanctuary
7 p.m.	Senior High Youth Board – Youth Room
SUNDAY at the North Site	
8:30 a.m.	
& 9:45 a.m.	Communion Worship – Sanctuary *
9:45 a.m.	Adult Learning Hour – Office
9:45 a.m.	Children's Learning Hour and Choir
10:45 a.m.	Worship Assistants – Office
11 a.m.	Landscaping
12:30 p.m.	20s/30s Potluck Luncheon – Activity Center
MONDAY	
9 a.m.	Quilting – DS Fellowship Hall
9 a.m.	Parent-Child Play Group – DS Nursery
Noon	Newsletter deadline
7 p.m.	"Getting Ready for Sunday" Study – DS Lounge
7 p.m.	Thrivent Financial Fitness Club – DS 110
TUESDAY	
6:15 a.m.	Senior High Breakfast Devotions – Galvan's
9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting – DS Lounge
9:30 a.m.	Musikgarten (Babies) – DS 220
10:15 a.m.	Musikgarten (Toddlers) – DS 220
5 p.m.	Musikgarten (Siblings) – DS 220
6 p.m.	Musikgarten (Music Makers) – DS 220
6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council – NS Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	
6 p.m.	Hangout Time with Meghan – DS Youth Room
6 p.m.	Musikgarten (Toddlers) – DS 220
6:30 p.m.	"Bethel Bible Study" Unit 4 NT – DS 221
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Classes – DS
6:30 p.m.	"Wednesday Bible Study" – DS Lounge
6:30 p.m.	Harmony Cafe Discussion – DS Youth Room
6:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group – DS Lounge
8 p.m.	Seraphim Choir Rehearsal – DS Choir Room
THURSDAY	
6 a.m.	"Women's Thursday Early Riser Study" – DS Lounge
9 a.m.	"Thursday Bible Study" – DS Lounge
6:30 p.m.	Parish Choir Rehearsal – DS Choir Room *
7 p.m.	"My Secret Loss" Study – DS Lounge
7 p.m.	Communications Team – DS 110

* Child care provided